

**MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON WATER POLICY
REVIEW & MONITORING
MINUTES**

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON WATER POLICY REVIEW & MONITORING	City Hall, Council Chambers
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022	201 S. Cortez St.
11:00AM – 12:00PM	Prescott, Arizona 86303
	928-777-1130

Minutes for the Mayor's Commission on Water Policy Review & Monitoring meeting held on
Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jim Lamerson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Phil Goode	Mayor – Present
James (Jim) Lamerson	Chair – Present
Robert (Bob) Roecker	Vice Chair – Present
Gary Beverly	Member – Present
Gillian Haley-Meierbachtol	Member – Present
Peter Kroopnick	Member – Present
Michael Taylor	Member – Present
Gary Worob	Member – Present

4. Discussion & Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2022

**GARY WOROB MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE
JULY 19, 2022 MEETING; GARY BEVERLY 2ND THE MOTION, - PASSED [7-0]**

B. Discussion and Action: Review the Ranking of Members' Input – Questions 1 and 2

Staff Liaison Leslie Graser provided a presentation to review the ranking of Member input for the following questions:

Question 1. How will you define what makes this (Water Policy) document effective?

The responses from the commission members were reviewed, and comments included determining what is not included in the document and what should be, determining the effectiveness of the document as a whole, and a request that water use is adequately and frequently monitored. Another comment included how the effectiveness of the document should be determined by whether it has the effect to "...support reasonable growth and development, particularly infill development where feasible, in accordance with the adopted General Plan and to support ADWR's goals and management strategies to work toward safe-

yield", per the stated goal in the policy itself. Requests by members for more data were also received, along with routine monitoring procedures to gather the data.

Question 2. Which parts of the document do you plan to focus on to review and monitor?

The top eight ranked focus points received from Member input included:

Policies 11-14	Water Budget
Policy 4	Water use estimate
Policy 5	Cost benefit analysis
Policies 8-9	Redevelopment, and Tracking of those with a contract
Policy 10	New non-residential and the return of 75% of the water used

Ms. Graser continued with a brief explanation on the process for managing motions, and opened up the discussion to the commission members for comments.

Chairman Lamerson thanked Ms. Graser for her presentation, and expressed his appreciation for the way the materials were presented and her synopsis on member feedback. He welcomed feedback from the commission members.

Member Gary Beverly expressed concern about the means to monitor the current Water Policy and its effectiveness, and commented on that being the main purpose of this commission. He referred to Policy 19 as an example, and closely monitoring landscape watering. Member Gillian Haley-Meierbachtol agreed that a means of monitoring needs to be determined. Member Peter Kroopnick commented that keeping track of water allocated versus water used is of importance as well.

Chairman Lamerson continued by commenting on the purpose of the water budget, and how it can be utilized to determine what can be tolerated in relation to area growth. Member Gary Worob requested more data and facts, and said the information provided during the August meeting with Tucson was an excellent example.

Member Kroopnick inquired about why the commission is locked into a list of items (in reference to an update to be provided to City Council). Chairman Lamerson responded and explained that the purpose of the open discussion was to gather information to be provided as an update to the City Council. He explained further that the commission may make recommendations, however, it is the City Council that sets those recommendations in motion if approved.

Ms. Graser explained that the quarterly updates to the City Council and the information provided is that of the commission's direction and approval. The updates are not the recommendations themselves, but rather gives the Council an idea of what the commission has been working on and the progress that has been made. Chairman Lamerson commented that the commission is not prepared yet to provide any recommendations to Council, however, there are important pieces of information that would be beneficial as part of an update.

Mayor Goode commented that each member of this commission were selected intentionally. Each member can speak to various components of the water policy, from a long term, educated perspective. He continued and explained that everyone is at the beginning of the process for this commission, and members are being brought up to a level of understanding as a whole.

Ms. Graser explained that there is some general commonality with the update information to be brought to Council, and specifics can be woven in with that information as well. Member Michael Taylor inquired about making a motion to include items being discussed and items being considered. After further discussion and clarification, a general consensus was determined as far as the update information to present to the City Council. The update will include the following key points:

Keep the commission's direction as noted, yet keep it flexible for new ideas that may come forward during this ongoing process.

Continue to work on the process for which parts of the policy should be assessed. This could be by section and policy number, or it could be done by ranking the commission input into a top three or five list of items to track.

The commission needs additional time to request and assess the data that may or may not be available.

GARY BEVERLY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATE INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO COUNCIL; PETER KROOPNICK 2ND THE MOTION, - PASSED [7-0]

C. Discussion: Review Members' Input – Question 3

Question 3, and continued discussion for Question 2 will resume at the next committee meeting.

D. Introduction to the Water Resource Management Model (WRMM)

Ms. Graser provided an introduction and information pertaining to the Water Resource Management Model (WRMM). Currently there are three versions, which include the General Plan, Water Service Area, and the Decision & Order. The model consists of two parts made up from excel-based spreadsheets and ArcGIS (mapping).

Ms. Graser displayed the program data, and explained that the information can be run a variety of ways, including data-driven, and what-if driven. She continued by reviewing safe yield, Active Management Area (AMA) boundaries, and shared various maps from the program. The program has the ability to project future demand, by analyzing current trends. The benefits of the WRMM tool were expressed by commission member comments, and overall, the information was well received.

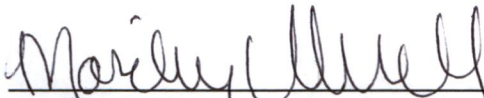
E. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 10:30a.m.

The update to City Council will take place on September 27, 2022 at 1:00pm, in Council Chambers. Commission members were invited to attend either in person or virtually.

5. Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, Mr. Lamerson adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.



Marikay Whisenand, Administrative Specialist



Jim Lamerson, Chairman

Date: 10/18/22